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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

APPLICABILITY TO VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 228649, STATE 196640, STATE A-3590,

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1. REF AIRGRAM NOTED DEPT'S INSTRUCTION TO FIELD

TO REQUIRE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCE FROM FOREIGN RECIPIENTS

REGARDING USE AND TRANSFER OF ALL RPT ALL KINDS OF

TRAINING. STATE 196640, AS MODIFIED BY STATE 228649,

AUTHORIZED AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING THE CONDITIONS

UNDER WHICH TRAINING COULD BE CONTINUED.

2. MILGP REFTEL REPORTED THE GOV'S AGREEMENT TO THE NEW

LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN OUR DIPLOMATIC NOTE. THIS AGREEMENT

WAS BASED ON THE VERBAL ASSURANCE OF THE VICE

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GOMEZ MANTELLINI, TO

THE DCM. NOTWITHSTANDING NUMEROUS FURTHER EFFORTS TO

OBTAIN THE WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY,

ITS PROMISED WRITTEN RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED

TO US. GOV HAS BEEN PUTTING US OFF FOR OVER TWO

MONTHS, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES TIME HAS COME FOR TOUGH

MEASURE TO STIMULATE GOV RESPONSE.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR IS NOW PREPARED TO OFFICIALLY

NOTIFY THE GOV THAT WE WILL SUSPEND ALL TRAINING
ACTIVITIES, WHETHER FMS, IMET EQUIPMENT RELATED OR
IMET NON-EQUIPMENT RELATED, PENDING RECEIPT OF THE NOTE
PROMISED TO US.

4. BEFORE SO NOTIFYING GOV, HOWEVER, WE NEED CLARIFI-
CATION CONCERNING THE PRECISE DEFINITION OF "TRAINING"
COVERED BY AMENDED SECTION 505(A) OF THE FAA.
STATE 196640 IMPLIES THAT ONLY "EQUIPMENT RELATED
TRAINING" IS ALLOWED UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION 505(A),
WHILE WE READ REF AIRGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL TRAINING,
WHEHTER "EQUIPMENT RELATED" OR NOT.

5. WE REQUEST DEPT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER ONLY
"EQUIPMENT-RELATED" TRAINING IS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION
505(A). WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPT'S
VIEWS ON ACTION PROPOSED PARA 3 PRIOR GOING FORWARD.
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